

Sub B > 22. The cover of claim 17, wherein the joint filling material is an open celled polyurethane foam capable of absorbing moisture to increase ballast of the pipeline.

23. The cover of claim 17, wherein the cover material includes a sheet of material wrapped in a cylindrical shape and having overlapping side edges sealed together to form said annular space.

24. The cover of claim 23, wherein the joint filling material is an open celled polyurethane foam capable of absorbing moisture to increase ballast of the pipeline.

25. The cover of claim 23, wherein the joint filling material is an open celled polyurethane foam formed by reacting polyurethane chemicals inside the cover material and capable of absorbing moisture to increase ballast of the pipeline.

26. The cover of claim 25, wherein said cover material includes an opening formed for injecting the joint filling material into said annular space.

Sub B > 27. The cover of claim 17, wherein the cover material is between about 0.02 inches to about 0.5 inches in thickness.

Respectfully submitted,

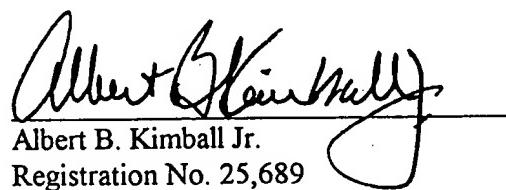


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